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(Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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1. This report is the International preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
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- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
 - international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
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 - international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the **elements*** of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

Description, Pages

1-6 as published

Claims, Numbers

1-7 as published

Drawings, Sheets

1/3-3/3 as published

- a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing
- 3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
 - the description, pages
 - the claims, Nos.
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	1-7
	No: Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	1-7
	No: Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-7
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7):

see separate sheet

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Concerning section V.

1. A coupling system for transfer of an anaesthetic liquid from a bottle to a vaporizer as defined in claim 1 is disclosed in EP-A-1 304 132.

The problem of the invention was to provide a coupling system which ensures that no or only a negligible spill of liquid occurs when the bottle is coupled with or removed from the vaporizer.

This problem is solved in that the seal of the bottle part abuts sealingly against the second reactive body, and the seal of the vaporizer part abuts sealingly against the first reactive body when the bottle part and the vaporizer are coupled or decoupled.

These features are novel and they cannot be derived in an obvious manner from the cited documents.

Moreover, such an apparatus is industrially applicable such that all the requirements of Art. 33(2)-(4) PCT are met.

2. The dependent claims 2-4 define particular embodiments of the invention according to claim 1. Thus, these claims also meet the requirements of Art. 33(2)-(4) PCT.
3. The method specified in the independent claim 5 comprises the same special technical features as claim 1. Thus, it meets the requirements of the PCT for the same reasons as set out above with respect to claim 1.
4. The dependent method claims 6-7 define particular embodiments of the invention according to claim 5. Thus, these claims also meet the requirements of Art. 33(2)-(4) PCT.